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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Sir:

It has come to my attention That several automatic store and forward digital Amateurs Radio Stations (packet) as well as the originator of the message in question were cited recently by the Norfolk Engineer In Charge. I am particularly concerned as the reports of the incident have indicated the automatic store and forward stations were included!

My understanding of the F.C.C. policy was that if and when citations etc were necessary that the imputing station ONLY would be cited. I checked with American Radio Relay League sources and found they also believed that was the Washington F.C.C policy.

This therefore appears to be a MAJOR and UNANNOUNCED change in policy from that which the amateur community has been receiving from Washington F.C.C. offices involved in ongoing discussions on the subject!

As an amateur active in the National Traffic System I am greatly concerned at the chaos this UNANNOUNCED policy change has already caused. Immediately, on receiving word of this APPARENT policy change several Amateurs Stations, working on forming a much needed link through the mid west have placed all such plans on hold until more clarification is received.

Immediately many vital stations involved in providing scientific experiment results with satellites as well as involved in the National Traffic System have indicated that due to the high volume of information sent automatically, and the impossibility of verifying each such piece of

in policy has caused major disruption to both of these charges to the Amateur Radio Service.

Further, WA4ONG, N4HOG, WB0TAX, and W3IWI are all world wide known for their work with NASA, D.O.D and yes, even the F.C.C.!

I realize that this may be an imposition on your office but since the original citations were issued by an F.C.C. representative and carried a ten day reply limit please confirm whether there has been a FORMAL change in the Washington Office policy in who will be held responsible for store and forward message content. I would greatly appreciate a reply within the same 10 limit as I must determine if there is a necessity for filing a formal action.

Respectfully Submitted

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